

Certification of Facilities

Work with GMO's classified as NLRD's or higher must be conducted in OGTR certified containment facility. The types of certified containment facilities at Griffith University include: laboratories, animal facilities, plant houses or constant temperature rooms.

Exempt Dealing activities must be conducted in a facility to at least Australian New Zealand Standard [AS2243.3](#): Safety in Laboratories Part 3: Microbiological aspects and containment facilities PC1 requirements and in most cases do not require OGTR certification.

A containment facility must meet a number of criteria as established by the OGTR before becoming certified. The facility must meet the requirements for certification as set out in [Guidelines for the Certification of Facilities/Physical Containment Requirements](#). The OGTR guidelines are intended to correspond as closely as possible with the Australian New Zealand Standard [AS2243.3](#): Safety in Laboratories Part 3: Microbiological aspects and containment facilities.

Facilities requiring OGTR certification will be inspected by a representative of the Griffith University-IBC or the OGTR, depending on the facility containment level. If the facility meets all the requirements for certification, an application form will be completed by the Griffith University-IBC. The Griffith University-IBC will recommend the facility for certification and the application will be submitted to the OGTR for consideration. Please note that applications to certify a facility certifications can take 90 days from the time the OGTR receive the application.

In order to maintain OGTR facility certification the conditions of certification as set out in the [Guidelines for the Certification of Facilities/Physical Containment Requirements](#) must be complied with at all times during the period for which the facility is certified, even if the work being performed in the facility involves organisms that are not GMO's.

All OGTR certified facilities are inspected annually by either the OGTR or a representative of the Griffith University-IBC. Annual facility inspection reports must be provided to the OGTR upon request and reported to the Griffith University Health & Safety Committee. Facilities found to be non-compliant will be reported directly to the OGTR.